

P R O C L A M A T I O N

PROVIDING FOR MILITARY MEASURES TO BE TAKEN UPON THE APPREHENSION OF CITIZENS OF THE PHILIPPINES WHO VOLUNTARILY HAVE GIVEN AID, COMFORT, AND SUSTENANCE TO THE ENEMY

WHEREAS, evidence is before me that certain citizens of the Philippines voluntarily have given aid, comfort and sustenance to the enemy in violation of allegiance due the Governments of the United States and the Commonwealth of the Philippines;

WHEREAS, military necessity requires that such persons be removed from any opportunity to threaten the security of our military forces or the success of our military operations.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Douglas MacArthur, General of the Army, United States Army, as Commander in Chief Southwest Pacific Area, hereby do publish and declare it to be my purpose to remove such persons, when apprehended, from any position of political and economic influence in the Philippines and to hold them in restraint for the duration of the war; whereafter I shall release them to the Philippine Government for its judgment upon their respective cases.

Done at General Headquarters, Southwest Pacific Area, in the field, this twenty-ninth day of December 1944.

DOUGLAS MACARTHUR
General of the Army, United States
Army Commander in Chief.